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Bowling for Places for People

Six-year-old Matthew Anderson of Minden bowls during the Building Castles for Kids bowlathon event on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Fast Lanes Bowling in Minden. This annual event helped to raise \$3,210 for the non-profit Places for People, which helps to secure affordable rental housing in Haliburton County for those at risk of homelessness and supports them in their efforts to improve their lives. From the 37 participants, Gerry Moraal was the top fundraiser with \$670. Places' Nancy Therrien, who organized this event, announced there is a new home in Highlands East and the non-profit needs volunteers to serve on their board and to help with its future project. More on page 12./DARREN LUM Staff

Pickup crashes through store wall

No injuries or charges in accident at Foodland

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

No one was injured after a truck crashed through the wall of Dollo's Foodland on the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 5.

It was about 1 p.m. when the truck, which had been stationed in the store's parking lot, lurched to life and made its way through the front wall of the building.

"I'm not sure how it happened," owner Jamie Dollo told the paper. "There was no one driving the vehicle. It was a phantom."

As Dollo explained, the vehicle, which has a standard transmission, had been parked and when its young driver hit its remote starter button, the truck made its way forward, through a wall of windows and into the store.

"It came in and took out a wall and the brick and everything," he said. "I was here just after it happened."

No one was injured in the incident and charges are not being laid.

"Officers investigated the incident and as a result determined that a vehicle was unoccupied at the time and was remotely started when a mechanical malfunction resulted," reads a release from the Haliburton Highlands OPP. "The motor vehicle transmission engaged and the vehicle then put in motion resulting in a collision with the Foodland building."

Dollo said the matter is being handled through insurance.

See photo on page 2.

County tax increase circa five per cent

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County residents are likely looking at a tax rate increase of about five per cent on their upper-tier tax bills this year.

County councillors discussed the 2017 draft budget during a Feb. 3 meeting.

The preliminary budget contained a tax rate increase of 4.98 per cent over last year, a rate that would equate to an increase of \$9.19 per \$100,000 of assessment for residential properties and \$13.63 per \$100,000 of assessment for occupied commercial properties.

The draft budget contains approximately \$21.6 million in spending, \$15.5 million of

it to be levied from taxation. The remainder comes mostly from provincial and federal grants, as well as contributions from reserves and user fees and other locally generated revenues.

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County to draw on reserves to keep taxes down

from page 1

This year the county undertook a zero-based budgeting approach, “which basically means we look at every line item,” treasurer Elaine Taylor explained, staff then deciding whether those line items are necessary or whether some historically budgeted amounts are too high.

This approach resulted in a decrease in the operating costs of some departments.

“This could be the beginning of a better way we look at our budget in the county,” said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin.

As always, the roads department budget is by far the largest departmental budget at approximately \$6.5 million.

Health services will cost approximately \$3.2 million and social services approximately \$1.8 million.

General government, which includes everything from administrative salaries to IT services to council to building and miscellaneous expenses, totals about \$2.4 million.

About \$830,000 is budgeted for the Haliburton County Public Library, \$400,000 in the tourism department, approximately \$370,000 for the planning department and about \$110,000 for protective services (this includes bylaw and 911 expenses).

Salaries and benefits will increase by one per cent in 2017, with salaries and benefits comprising 41 per cent of total budgeted expenses.

The county continues to deplete its reserves.

“Suffice to say, our reserves are on a decline,” Taylor told councillors. The municipality started 2017 with approximately \$2.2 million in total reserves, reserves which are forecast to be at less than \$1.7 million by the year’s end.

Going back to 2011, the county had more than \$4 million in reserves. For years, county council has been drawing upon reserves to help with budgets and mitigate tax increases.

“I know they’ve got to be used to help, but I don’t think we should be getting to a point where you’re depleting them completely,” Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said.

Ideally, municipalities should have the equivalent of at least a quarter of a year’s total budget in reserves.

Haliburton County is sitting around five or six per cent.

“We have very little debt,” said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. “Pretty easy to have 25 per cent when you go out and borrow the way we haven’t in the last 10 years.”

Fearrey said some neighbouring municipalities owe tens of millions of dollars.

The county does have about \$3.5 million in debt which it borrowed to help with infrastructure projects, the bulk of that scheduled to be paid off within four years.

Devolin pointed out that in the eyes of the province, it is preferable to carry some debt, with indebted municipalities getting the majority of provincial grant money.

“If we don’t carry any debt, they don’t think we’re trying hard enough,” he said.

While it won’t be a factor in 2017, going forward, it’s likely

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— MINDEN HILLS DEPUTY-REEVE CHERYL MURDOCH

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that the county will have to make budget allocations for a paramedicine program.

Paramedicine entails paramedics visiting patients, often high-risk seniors still in their homes, doing checkups and providing basic medical care.

While the county did undertake a paramedicine pilot program a couple of years ago, it had little uptake and did not prove very successful.

However, as councillors learned at the recent ROMA (Rural Ontario Municipal Association) conference, similar programs were apparently very successful in other rural communities.

“Paramedicine, that we tried here, and what I said in these council chambers was a bomb apparently worked well in other parts of Ontario,” Devolin said. “It’s very early, but we know it’s coming.”

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said the municipality still had the infrastructure used for the program – such as tablet computers, etc. – in place.

“It was a colossal failure here and we have to address that,” Rutter said. “Moving forward, we have to find a way to make it work in Haliburton County.”

Councillors looked for ways to trim the budget, including removing \$5,000 it has traditionally given three of the four lower-tier townships on an annual basis to aid with tourism activities.

Minden Hills was historically excluded from that funding as, until late last year, the county operated its tourism information office along Highway 35 in Minden.

“We’re taking it from the taxpayers and giving it back to ourselves,” Fearrey said of the funding. “It’s just stupid.”

Councillors seemed to agree the loss of the nominal funding would make little difference to their lower-tier townships.

“It’s just a drop in the bucket,” said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. “It’s essentially inconsequential to Algonquin Highlands.”

Budget deliberations will continue.



Truck collides with side of Dollo's

Above, this was the scene at Dollo's Foodland on Sunday, Feb. 5, after an unoccupied vehicle crashed through the wall of the store following what police are calling a mechanical malfunction. Photo by Guenter Horst

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County likely to fund YWCA

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County council is intending to fund a request the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA is making of it and its lower-tier townships for the continued operation of the women's shelter in Minden.

The YWCA was forced to close the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), an emergency shelter for women and children suffering domestic violence, for five months last year due to increased usage and lack of resources.

The organization recently launched a fundraising campaign, seeking to raise \$120,000 to help keep the shelter open during the next two years and also conduct a sustainability study on providing services in rural areas.

As Peterborough Haliburton YWCA director of philanthropy and communications Jennifer Cureton told Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands councils during recent visits, the organization helped 124 individual women in Haliburton County last year, fielded more than 1,200 crisis calls and conducted some 670 outreach counsel sessions.

"We have a lot of families in poverty," she said of the county. "We see a lot of isolation and lack of transportation. There are a lot of hidden homeless here in Haliburton County."

Cureton said some women stay with abusers, exchanging sex and enduring abuse for food and shelter.

Cureton visited Minden Hills councillors during a Jan. 26

meeting and Algonquin Highlands councillors on Feb. 2. She was making what she said was a special, one-time funding request of \$5,000 from each of the townships and was scheduled to visit Dysart et al and Highlands East councils with the same request.

Minden Hills council granted the request, voting to allot \$2,500 from each of the 2017 and 2018 budgets to the cost. Algonquin Highlands councillors resolved to defer the request to their upcoming budget deliberations.

The YWCA request then came up at the Feb. 3 Haliburton County council budget meeting, with the organization requesting \$5,000 from the upper tier as well.

"To me, social services has been built into the county budget and it should be a county responsibility," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "I do not in any way want to take away from the importance of the problem or the request."

Danielsen suggested that Minden Hills council reverse its decision and that rather than the lower tiers chipping in, the county cover the request.

"You haven't written a cheque," Danielsen said.

"In a perfect world, the ask would have been here [the county council table]," said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin. Devolin said he wasn't sure whether the majority of Minden Hills council would support reversing the decision.

"The point is, we can't be double-dipping," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, adding the money should either be coming from the lower tiers or the upper tiers.

Fearrey, Devolin and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt have all expressed concern that the one-time request from the YWCA, which is funded provincially, might morph into an annual one.

Receiving 61 per cent of its funding from the province, the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA fundraises the remainder of its costs and while money raised in Haliburton County stays in Haliburton County, most of the money used locally is raised in Peterborough and transferred to Haliburton. Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said the closure of the shelter was something that could not be repeated.

"The fact is it was down for five months and hardly anybody knew," Murdoch said. "And that's totally unacceptable. This can never happen again. I will never see that place go down again."

With the requests from the county and its lower tiers combined, the YWCA is seeking \$25,000 over two years.

"If your choice was to fund it all, it would be \$12,500 [per year for two years]," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter.

"To me, it makes more sense that it lives at the upper tier," said Moffatt.

"If it's \$12,500, we can surely find it in a \$22 million budget," said Fearrey.

Councillors directed the request be funded, leaving them and staff to find the money in the budget. The budget has not yet been approved.

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Baylen Taylor of Minden paints his animal track cutout for a sponge print at Winter Tracks and Signs at Nature's Place on Saturday, Feb. 4 in Minden. Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, this family-friendly event had participants making animal tracks in plaster, crayon rubbings and sponge prints before heading out to find tracks in the snow.



Making tracks with the Land Trust

Tristan Humphries of Carnarvon, centre, reaches for an animal track cutout to make a sponge print at Winter Tracks and Signs led by wildlife biologist and Abbey Gardens education co-ordinator Irene Heaven at Nature's Place on Saturday, Feb. 4 in Minden. DARREN LUM Staff

Discussing short-term cottage rentals

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

During a Feb. 2 meeting, Algonquin Highlands councillors discussed what, if any, action the township should be taking regarding the short-term rental of cottages within

its borders.

While residents renting out their cottages is not a new practice, it's one that seems to be getting more common with websites such as Airbnb providing an easy, online way for people to advertise their abodes.

"There have been a slowly increasing

number of complaints across the board," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, adding that issues include noise, garbage and general uncertainty over who, and how many people, may show up a neighbour's cottage for the weekend. "There's a growing expectation for municipalities to, quote, unquote, 'do something.'"

Moffatt said the issue would be separating responsible landlords and renters from those who are not so responsible.

She pointed to a number of shows and publications, all of which encourage the practice of renting out cottages.

"In my review, not one of them talks about how to be a good landlord when you are renting," Moffatt said.

Algonquin Highlands' zoning bylaw does allow for the short-term rentals of properties, but the township also has bylaws governing nuisances such as the creation of unwanted noise.

"We do have limitations," Moffatt said. "We have bylaws. No one wants to put their name to a noise complaint."

Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said there are also environmental concerns and that members of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations were worried about what the effects on lakes might be from the over-taxing of lakeside septic systems by residents of over-crowded cottages.

Some municipalities have taken action on short-term rentals. The Town of Blue Mountains, for example, has a short-term accommodation licensing bylaw, whereby those seeking to rent out their residences for periods of 30 consecutive days or less must apply for licences.

"It can be achieved," planner Sean O'Callaghan told councillors, adding there had been challenges to that bylaw through the Ontario Municipal Board and that the town basically had a department dealing specifically with short-term rentals.

"The main issues are interpretation – who's the renter and prove it, is it the town-

ships business and enforcement," Moffatt said, adding that many people rent of their cottages without incident.

Moffatt also noted that the township has contributed to cottage rentals itself, a number of years ago developing a "cottage kit" that included proper bags and instructions for renters regarding garbage and recycling.

"We've contributed in small way, ourselves," she said.

Councillor Lisa Barry pointed out that it isn't just renters who can be loud.

"There are some cottagers who come up and bring a multitude of people," Barry said. "It could be cottagers who live in another part of the world and spread the keys around."

Councillor Brian Lynch told an anecdote where residents of the lake he lives on had called the police thinking they were complaining about renters and the noise-makers ended up being the owners of the cottage themselves.

"I think we should look into it," said Councillor Marlene Kyle. "I think it's going to be more common as the years go by. I think the biggest concern is that everything about our economy relies on the health of our lakes."

"I don't think you can prohibit," Moffatt said. "I think that would be fool-hardy."

Danielsen thought the key was "education and control" and councillors agreed that perhaps simply reminding residents to communicate with their neighbours might help improve the situation.

"This isn't about being mean to people . . . it's about being a good neighbour," Moffatt said. "There is no way that anything is going to be in place for the summer. This is a huge undertaking."

Staff from Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships will be meeting to discuss the issue and chief administrative officer Angie Bird said Highlands East may be looking at a licensing bylaw.

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Almost half of local sex assault claims discarded as 'unfounded'

Ontario Provincial Police to conduct review following Globe and Mail investigation

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

A damning investigative report by *The Globe and Mail* has shown that nearly half of sexual assault claims handled by the Haliburton Highlands OPP are dismissed as "unfounded," that is, situations where police officers believe no crime was committed.

Following a 20-month investigation that looked at the handling of sexual assault cases by nearly 1,000 police forces across the country, "Unfounded: Why police dismiss 1 in 5 sexual assault claims as baseless," was published Feb. 3.

While nationally an average of one in five sexual assault claims is dismissed as "unfounded," in Haliburton County, that figure is nearly one in two, at 48 per cent.

The report draws on data for the years 2010 to 2014 for its findings.

In 2010, six of 14 allegations of sexual assault – or 43 per cent – were considered unfounded by the Haliburton Highlands OPP. In 2011, 10 out of 18 – that's 56 per cent – of allegations of sexual assault were dismissed as unfounded by the Haliburton Highlands OPP. For 2012, the figure was 50 per cent, with seven of 14 claims dismissed. In 2013, eight of 17 allegations (47 per cent) were dismissed and for 2014, the figure was 10 of 23 allegations, or 43 per cent.

By comparison, the Haliburton Highlands OPP dismissed

21 per cent of regular assault claims during the same five-year time period.

The Globe story said researchers "concluded that a case was more likely to be classified as a real, 'founded' allegation – meaning police believe a crime occurred – if the file noted that: the victim had said 'No'; if the victim appeared upset; if force was used; if the victim physically resisted; if the suspect was a stranger; if the victim did not present mental-health issues, which the study said included drug and alcohol abuse. In other words, complainants who do not conform to stereotypes about the perfect victim were winding up with cases deemed unfounded at a disproportionate rate.

"The researchers also noticed that the allegations that had been classified as unfounded were less likely to show evidence of a robust investigation – such as formal interviews with the victim and statements from witnesses."

The *Times* asked the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment for comment on the statistics, to explain what the criteria are for a claim to be labelled "unfounded," to explain the investigation process up to that point and how many cases of sexual assault claims involved partners.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP referred the paper to provincial media relations co-ordinator Sgt. Peter Leon, who said the provincial force would be conducting a review of its sexual assault investigations.

"The OPP really can't speak specifically to the sources of information that were utilized in that story," Leon said. "That

being said, we will be reviewing our sexual assault investigations and the outcomes on a detachment-by-detachment basis. As you can appreciate, this will probably take some time so the exact specifics of your questions I probably won't be able to speak to."

Leon stressed the OPP have procedures and policies in place regarding sexual assault claims and that members working on such cases must take a special one-week sexual assault investigator's course.

"I think it's important for you and your readers to understand the OPP take allegations of sexual assault seriously," he said. "This type of crime is something that is not tolerated and we'll certainly investigate thoroughly."

Some neighbouring OPP forces had even higher rates of sexual assault cases categorized as "unfounded" than the Haliburton Highlands detachment.

The rates for the Huntsville and Bracebridge OPP detachments were 55 and 56 per cent, respectively, while the rate in the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP was 38 per cent. The report showed that of all the police forces in the country, the OPP has the worst record when it comes to the percentage of sexual assault allegations that are considered "unfounded."

While the average rate for the OPP is 34 per cent, it drops to 19 per cent for local forces,

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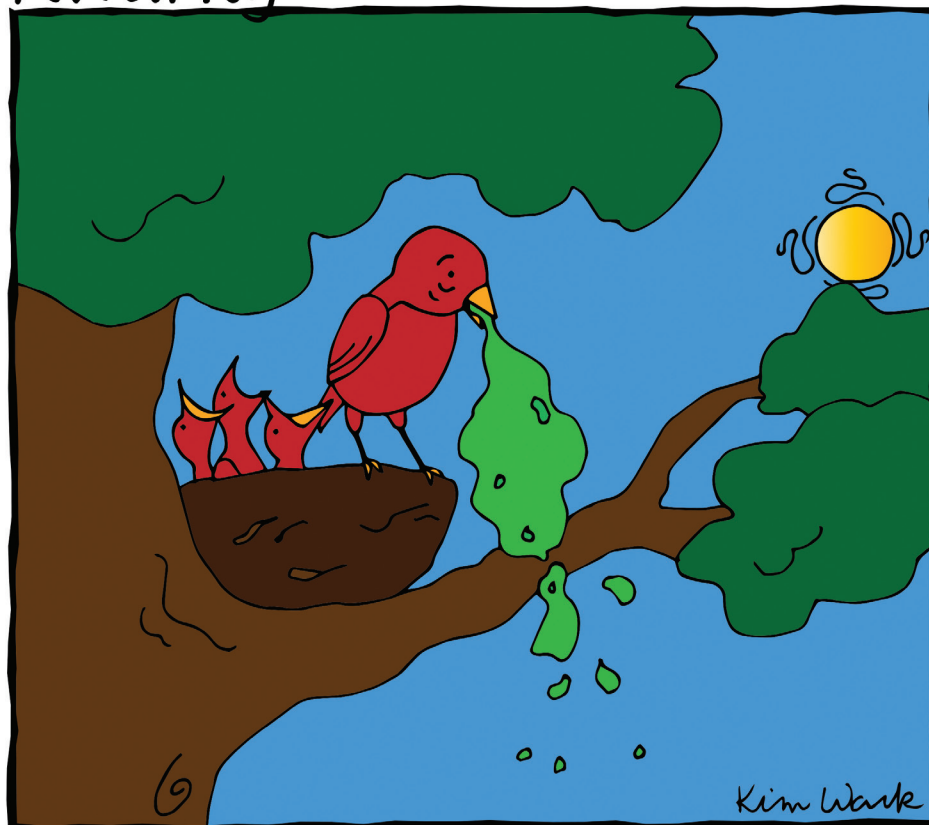
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“Sorry kids, Mama went drinking last night.”

Let Airbnb be

IT WOULD BE a waste of time and resources for local townships to attempt to regulate or restrict private, short-term cottage rentals in Haliburton County.

Short-term rentals, and the noise and other complaints they sometimes generate, were discussed at a recent meeting of the Dysart et al economic development committee and again at an Algonquin Highlands council meeting last week.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said there is a slowly increasing number of complaints and a growing call for municipalities to do something.

She also said, correctly, that it would be foolhardy for townships to try to ban the practice.

The reality is there's very little to do that would be practical or effective.

Cottage owners renting out their seasonal homes is nothing new. What is newer is the platform through which those rentals are offered. Sites such as Airbnb have spiked in popularity in recent years and yes, it seems like more people are taking advantage of the opportunity to subsidize their incomes by renting out the family cabin every now and again.

And why shouldn't they? Cottages are expensive to own and maintain and a few weeks of renting can generate thousands of dollars, enough to pay that cottage's expenses for the year. It's quite conceivable that short-term rentals are allowing some families to keep generational cottages.

Are townships really prepared to intervene in that? Are councillors prepared to deal with the political ramifications?

Then there's the issue of

enforcement, which would be a total quagmire. All local townships have noise bylaws and some have fireworks bylaws, dictating the occasions on which fireworks are permitted.

In a community of forests and lakes, these bylaws are virtually impossible to enforce. Why add another one?

Short of having a department dedicated to regulating short-term rentals, it's difficult to understand how townships that typically employ one bylaw officer each would take action on the issue.

And how are they going to prove who's a renter and who isn't?

It's understandable that operators of traditional accommodations may not be big fans of Airbnb and there is an argument to be made about fairness. They have to pay commercial taxes, keep the proper insurance, abide by health and safety regulations, etc.,

so why should cottage owners who don't have to do any of these things be able to invade their turf?

The reality is the Internet has turned a number of industries on their heads. It may not fair, but it is happening and will continue to happen. Banking. Music. Journalism. Travel agencies. Film.

Remember Blockbuster Video? Cab companies and urban municipalities have been trying for the past few years to figure out a way to deal with Uber, the mobile app which allows everyday people to use their vehicles as taxis.

It's impossible to do because it's impossible to trace.

Townships trying to regulate short-term rentals will prove about as effective as trying to turn back time.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Wind at your back

I'M VERY HAPPY today because I finally have a story to comment upon that's even stupider than the average Trump tweet.

This morning it was widely reported on all of your finer Internet news sites that a cab driver in the UK, who was pulled over for speeding, tried to blame the transgression on his passenger's horrible flatulence.

I think we can quickly deduce two things from this. First, he could not reasonably expect a tip. Secondly, if true, the rest of the ride was going to be all out chemical warfare.

The news story indicates the cop didn't believe the driver, however.

Luckily, I happen to know a few things about passenger farts – I have hunting and fishing buddies after all. The vast expert knowledge I possess regarding this topic allows me to paint a vivid picture of why the police officer, a trained investigator, would have been able to tell that the cabbie was lying.

My first thought is he would have probably noted the position of the windows. A common mistake of flatulence fraudsters would be to only have the driver's window rolled down.

Ha!

One window rolled down is a dead giveaway, for it does not provide enough air flow to mitigate the permanent damage done to nasal hairs and tear ducts. Moreover, when you have to stop, that lone open window actually acts as a chimney and draws all the damaged air right past the driver.

A more compelling case can only be made if all four windows are down – three works too, if you can convincingly claim the fourth malfunctioned due to the fart's

initial blast. In 40 years of duck hunting, that's something I've only seen twice, however, so good luck with that.

Of course, four rolled down windows is still merely circumstantial evidence. Any investigator worth his salt will also be looking for corroborating evidence. In my experience, that means a greenish tinge on all passengers but the accused, who has a smug look on his face and is, in all likelihood smiling like the proverbial Cheshire cat.

Another compelling piece of evidence would be the driver yelling, “Please! No flames or sparks within 10 feet of this vehicle.”

The other thing that did not ring true about the cabbie and his speeding ticket was the very fact that he was speeding. That would only make sense if he asked the passenger to step out of the cab to check a rear tire first. It doesn't make any sense if the passenger also known as “Ground Zero” remains in the back seat. In fact, speeding is exactly the wrong thing to do.

For one thing, it might cause the situation to escalate should you take corners at 140 kilometres per hour. Most importantly, however, it all but rules out the option of jumping from a moving vehicle should things really get bad.

There are other lesser known clues too: for instance, if one of those pine tree air fresheners hanging from the rear view mirror looks like it has wilted. Another hint is if the vehicle's fan is making horrible screeching sounds.

For what it's worth, that's my expert opinion drawn from many years of driving to and from hunting and fishing spots. Oh, and sometimes walking too, generally, after the driver asked me to step outside to check the rear tires.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Making the forest great again

A DARK AND HEAVY DESPONDENCY had fallen over the forest. The creatures who worked and lived there brooded over their declining state of affairs.

The beavers complained about jobs lost to workers in other faraway forests. Rabbits, bears, foxes, birds and others worried about illegal immigrants entering the forest, bringing different cultures, religions, and terrorism.

Meanwhile, the super rich got richer while the poor got poorer. The middle class was evaporating. Forest society was a mess.

Fears for the future drove many to despair. Increasing numbers chewed mind-bending leaves and snorted magic mushroom powders, once available only when prescribed by owls, the physicians of the forest.

The decline in the forest also was marked by a loss of intelligence, and a lessening in tolerance for others' views. Noisy barking and cawing overran reasoned debates and compromises became impossible.

Most of the noise came from the crows who squawked and jeered about making the forest great again. The loudest voice came from the crow Puffball, named because he swelled up to twice his size whenever he cawed, which was often.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

It was said that Puffball dyed his feathers and used hairspray to make himself look sleek and majestic.

"Terrible. Really bad," he cawed about life in the forest. "Horrible! Disgusting!"

The crows, then all the other creatures, turned to him in hopes that he could make their forest great again.

"The forest is in trouble. It's terrible," he croaked. "But we're going to straighten it out. OK? That's what I do. I fix things. We're going to straighten it out. It starts now."

Puffball decided to build a high wall across the forest's southern border. That would stop the illegals from sneaking in with drugs and intent to rape and pillage.

Construction began immediately. The beavers cut trees with their sharp teeth. The bears and the moose hauled the logs while legions of other creatures set them in place.

One day a crow patrolling the forest border spotted light blinking from an abandoned farm house. He swooped down to investigate and found in the rubble pieces of a shattered mirror reflecting the sun's beams.

He clamped his beak on one of the pieces and flew back to the grand White Oak where Puffball was signing orders.

"Look what I've found, Chief," the crow cawed excitedly. "If you stand over it you can see yourself in it."

"Fantastic!" Puffball croaked while trying to get a full view of himself in the small piece of mirror. "Amazing. Are there any larger pieces?"

A flight of crows left the White Oak immediately to find a larger piece. Two hours later they struggled back with a piece large enough for Puffball to see his whole self. He hopped back and forth in front of it, preening and cawing about how the forest already was starting to be great again.

The crows found a spot to place the mirror piece so Puffball could walk in front of it often as he went about his day.

Work on the wall progressed through the summer, which was unusually sunny and hot.

One morning Puffball was passing the mirror and moved it to get a better look at himself. As the sun rose higher during the day, the mirror caught the sun's rays head on and reflected them onto the tinder dry forest floor.

Soon dry leaves on the forest floor began to smolder and white smoke curled into the air. Within minutes there was flame that grew and leaped into other parts of the forest.

All the birds, animals and reptiles panicked. They gathered their children and fled the best they could as the flames grew higher and advanced greedily through the forest.

A few days later a doe and her fawn walked to the edge of where the forest had been. All that remained was blackened tree stumps and grey ash. The carcasses of some animals that could not run fast enough could be seen rotting in the sun.

"What destroyed our forest, mother?" asked the fawn. "It was supposed to be great again."

"Vanity, little one," said the doe. "Vanity. The ruin that comes when popularity becomes more important than honesty and truth."

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letters to the editor

Disapproval on electoral reform

To Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and MP Karina Gould, Minister for Democratic Institutions,

I want to add my voice to what I hope is a clamor of disapproval for your decision to abandon electoral reform. I didn't vote Liberal last election because the NDP candidate was a better guy in my area, but I was happy and optimistic about the outcome, especially about the commitment to electoral reform.

I'm in my 70s and have never felt that my vote has mattered – always a left-leaning posey in a conservative garden. I also think that the hyper-partisan way of governing that FPTP engenders is inefficient and unpleasant and yearn for a more sensible and civil approach to civic leadership. I don't think that building consensus on an issue of this magnitude is easy; I generally think that changing how people think and be-

have is best achieved through action rather than talk – so I was looking for leadership through incremental change, encouraged by the (eventual) composition of the multi-partisan committee, very disappointed with what looked to me to be either undermining or abandoning their work.

I'm also -hmm, devastated may be too strong a word but it's close – about the tsunami of cynicism that is being unleashed by your abandonment of this central campaign promise. Interested to hear the youth perspective on Power and Politics last night attributing the engagement of youth in politics to this issue, want to join my old voice to their young one. I could live with, understand, even applaud changing the time frame for reform, but abandonment is harsh.

Fay Martin
Minden

Congrats to HCSA

To the Editor,

After what has to be one of the busiest snowmobiling weekends of the past few winters I wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank the Halliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) on the outstanding work they have done this winter providing world class groomed trails throughout the county. I am overwhelmed by the efforts the HCSA has made this winter to open, groom and improve trails in the club's extensive, county wide trail system. I have never seen - in my 40 years of riding here in Halliburton - more groomers out on the trails. In fact, the club had the Rail Trail groomed and open in early December and has continued to groom and open more trails every week since. Tourism operators are benefiting from the economic impact from the thousands

of snowmobilers who come here to Halliburton - including the enormous contingent of riders from southern Ontario and the US. HCSA trails have been standouts among virtually all of our neighbouring snowmobile regions. Specifically, HCSA trail quality is outstanding this season.

The HCSA is unquestionably the most impactful volunteer managed tourism entity in the county. HCSA trails are among the most significant generators of economic impact - at a time when tourism operators need help. Again, thanks to the HCSA leadership, the grooming team and the volunteers who make snowmobiling in Haliburton county one of our most valuable assets.

Mark Lester
Supertrax Media Inc



Snow tower

Photo by Darren Lum

Car chargers making waves in county

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

John Patterson has had an electric vehicle for nearly two years and only once has he run out of energy and been stuck on the side of the road.

On a trip back from Toronto, Patterson was nearly at his Cranberry Lake home in West Guilford when a message appeared on his dashboard.

"Pull off the road safely, the car is about to stop," read the message, Patterson told the paper. "The message was totally accurate. The car stopped."

Stranded on Highway 118 near the Art Hive, Patterson relied on the kindness of a friend who brought him a portable gasoline generator.

Describing the moment as inconvenient and highly embarrassing, Patterson jokes that it felt like half of his friends in Haliburton happened to be driving by that night.

"I have not nor do I intend to see that message on the dashboard again," he wrote in an email. "Two years, one empty tank. Not so bad really."

The probability of Patterson running out of electricity again is becoming more and more unlikely, thanks to recent local efforts to bring charging stations to the region.

This month Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon will be installing a Tesla charging station in the parking lot of their establishment, at the intersection of highways 118 and 35.

The idea came from having customers like Patterson and owner Chris Carl's interest in green energy.

"He loves cars, [and] he loves the idea of electric cars," said Terri Mathews-Carl, Rhubarb owner and Carl's wife. "Just the idea of having that option available for people coming off the highway, who especially might be going to Kennis or Redstone, who still have another 45 minute drive. This way they can stop, have dinner and charge their car."

The charging station has already arrived at the restaurant and is being installed this month, said Mathews-Carl.

She points to the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, located next to the restaurant during the summer months, as a convenient attraction for people to enjoy while charging up



Owner/operator of Riverside Inn, Margy Taylor stands next to the Tesla charging station installed at the restaurant in May 2015. Located in Norland, Riverside Inn has had 31 customers plug into the station since it's been offered to customers free of charge. More charging stations are making their way to the area, including at Carnarvon's Rhubarb restaurant. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

their vehicle.

Mathews-Carl said the charging station was supplied by Tesla, a company that manufactures premium electric cars and SUVs, after the restaurant applied for it.

Part of the installation cost is covered by Tesla, while Rhubarb is responsible for covering the remainder of the installation and the ongoing electricity costs.

Mathews-Carl said so far Tesla has been great to work with.

The same sentiment is shared by Riverside Inn owner/operator Margy Taylor, who said the restaurant in Norland has had a Tesla charging station since May of 2016.

Since it was installed, 31 vehicles have plugged into the free service.

Taylor said she and her partner James Burton were also inspired to install a charging station by a customer who owns a Tesla.

After contacting the company, they got a quick reply that they were indeed a suitable location for a station.

"Basically we're two and a half hours north of Toronto," said Taylor, pointing to its convenience for cottagers and tourists.

Tesla paid for the entire installation, however the restaurant pays for the electricity use. There is a red sign in the parking lot advertising the station, which was also supplied by Tesla.

"The company is amazing to work with," said Taylor.

Taylor said the station gets more use during the summer months and that there has been tremendous positive feedback since it was installed.

"It's just another plus for our customers," she said. "We're very service orientated here and very community oriented ... the world is going in that direction and it's just another option for people who have electric cars."

Patterson said he is more likely to support a business that offers a charging station and has stopped at the Riverside Inn location before.

"I am keen to see as much accessibility as possible for those who drive electric," he said. "We are speaking here not of a whimsical 'toy' but of a revolution in how we get around. We human beings are addicted to convenient mobility. Let's do it in ways that reduce the weight of our habits on the environment that we love."

Patterson said he made the decision to get an electric vehicle as he believes alternate energy sources need to be developed and applied to the most polluting technologies.

"I bought the Tesla primarily to support a non-polluting alternative to gasoline as a way to get around. Secondly, though Tesla is expensive, every time I pass a gas station without having to go in, I am saving money," he said.

Less expensive electric vehicles are making their way to the market. Tesla charging stations can charge other brands of electric vehicles, with the use of an adapter.

Patterson has a medium speed 220 volt charger at his home. He is able to fully charge the car overnight and travel 430 kilometres in the summer on a full charge, or 350 km in the winter. The cold weather decreases the battery performance.

He is looking forward to having more charging options in the area, as he has also charged up at locations in Toronto and Barrie in the past.

"If the tank is getting low, it is worth it to stop in and avoid being stranded," he said.

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Dianne Winmill wins Music Teacher of the Year

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

This year's recipient of the 2017 MusiCounts Teacher of the Year Award has a strong Highlands connection.

With friends, family and her students looking on, Dianne Winmill, originally of Minden, was shocked at the award presentation when she was presented with the Juno-inspired crystal statuette by Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy with Basil Donovan and Colin Cripps on Feb. 1 at the band's studio in Toronto.

She said, "Oh my gosh. Oh. Oh my gosh, Jim Cuddy. Oh my gosh, thank you."

Winmill, a music teacher for North Hastings High School in Bancroft the past 16 years, won the award for her "outstanding dedication to inspiring and nurturing the musical growth of Canadian youth."

MusiCounts is a music education charity that is a division of the Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, who give out the Juno awards. It established the award close to 10 years ago.

Along with the presentation at the studio, Winmill and her students were given a tour of the facility and an opportunity to record. This award came with two grants totalling \$20,000. The NHHS music program receives \$10,000 to enable the school to fix instruments and purchase new ones, and the other \$10,000 goes to Winmill. Winmill also won two tickets to see the band perform on Thursday, Feb. 2 in Toronto at Massey Hall. Winmill and her husband Cam will be given the VIP treatment when they attend the upcoming JUNO week in Ottawa. They will attend the Chairman's Reception and the JUNO Gala Dinner and Awards and get to walk the red carpet for the Juno Awards Broadcast on April 2.

The daughter of Jim and Nancy Garbutt was taken aback by the attention at the awards presentation seconds before seeing Cuddy.

"I can't believe that so many people are interested in this story: a music teacher from Bancroft, Ont. This is pretty wonderful and I'm just so excited my students get to ... shoot, sorry," she said, holding up her hands to her face, tearing up. "That my students get to join me. This is so great."

She added her two friends helped bring the students and appreciated having her husband there.

"I'm so grateful to MusicCounts for believing in an award such as this for teachers in Canada and so grateful to Blue Rodeo for being the sponsors this year. I've been so overwhelmed so far with just their generosity, offering up their studio space to us

today. It's so exciting," she said.

Everyone she knows are "huge" fans and they were living vicariously through Facebook posts made by those that could come down to the band's studio.

Winmill, who graduated from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in 1990, was notified she had won this year's Blue Rodeo sponsored award from MusiCounts close to a week before the presentation, but had no idea about Cuddy and the band members coming. Past sponsors for the award include the Tragically Hip and Rush and the Rolling Stones, who sponsored the first ever award.

"We are thrilled to sponsor this award as teachers like Dianne do endless work to inspire their students and keep music alive in schools, which is something that is very important to us," said Cuddy in a press release.

"I think the value of music programs is immeasurable in the development of a young person's identity in being part of a community," said Cripps in a press release.

The teacher with 20 years of experience has promoted music education in the school and her community. She has been responsible for implementing a first-of-its kind Royal Conservatory music program, is involved in several community music organizations, and takes her school band to perform for other schools and community groups.

Winmill has worked off and on at NHHS since she graduated with a bachelor of education in instrumental and vocal music from the University of Western Ontario in 1995.

Before the visit, Winmill told the *Times'* sister paper *Bancroft this Week* that this recognition is more than just about her, as it also recognizes the hard work of past and current NHHS music students and the broader importance of music within the school curriculum.

Her love of music started with her parents, who may not have played any musical instruments, but filled the house with music, particularly disco during the late-1970s. They held "concerts" standing on the couch, listening to the Partridge Family booming from the 8-track hi-fi stereo. The albums she remembers most growing up were by Burton Cummings, Barry Manilow, the Bee Gees or Kenny Rogers.

Winmill can still remember being in awe of now-retired music teacher Glen Carter conducting student musicians while sitting on the gym floor at Minden's Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"When I was seven, we had a school assembly. I remember sitting on the cold, hard gym floor at Archie Stouffer Elementary



North Hastings High School music teacher Dianne Winmill, who is originally from Minden, is thrilled to receive the MusiCounts Teacher of the Year Award from Blue Rodeo's Jim Cuddy at the presentation held on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at the band's Toronto studio. Winmill was recognized for inspiring students and keeping music alive in schools. The award also came with \$10,000 for her school and \$10,000 for her, two tickets to a Blue Rodeo concert and an opportunity to attend JUNO Week in Ottawa in the spring. Photo by Barry Roden.

School while this amazing man waved his arms in front of a group of people playing a bunch of instruments I had never seen or heard before," she wrote in an email before the presentation. "I found out that his name was Mr. [Glen] Carter. I got off the bus that night after school, ran down the stairs to the basement to where my mom was sewing, and told her that, 'when I grow up, I want to be a music teacher like Mr. Carter.'"

This led to her parents enlisting the services of Melissa Stephens, a young piano teacher at the time who taught at the home of Lorne and Grace Coburn in "McKayville" in Minden.

"I would walk over from school for my weekly lesson and I progressed quickly. Over my 12 years of piano study with Melissa, I competed in the North Hastings Music Festival yearly (and of which I am now the vice president) and earned my Grade 10 piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music, which prepared me to successfully audition for post-secondary music school," she said.

The ASES graduate said her parents received help for her through her cousin Colleen Morrison, who had already been studying music at the University of Western Ontario before she got there.

Winmill's parents and siblings Jay, Dan and Janene all still live in the Highlands.

She said living in a small town like Minden provided her unique opportunities to perform and develop her music.

"Opportunities I probably would not have had if I had been a small-fish-in-a-big-pond in a city. And being at a small elementary school, Glen was able to offer me opportunities to try any instrument I wanted, and that knowledge gives me confidence in my ability to teach band every day."

The memories of early performances are still vivid like how Stephens would take her to fundraisers all over the county to perform and the trip to Calgary with her high school stage band to perform at MusicFest Canada on the heels of the 1988 winter Olympics. She can still remember the energized atmosphere of Calgary soon after the world event, but, in particular, she will never forget the outpouring of support her band received for the efforts to fund the trip.

"Because we were from a small town, our community totally embraced the opportunity, and supported our fundraising efforts so that we could take our little band, from our little town, across the country to perform at MusicFest Canada," she said.

When she first learned of the award she thanked MusiCounts for "believing in the necessity of an award such as this one. There are so many elementary and secondary school music teachers across this country who work just as hard or harder than I do. I feel like I am representing all of them when I accept this amazing honour."

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The Highlander Newspaper

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Business and community awards nominees released

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has announced the list of those nominated for its annual Business and Community Achievement Awards. The winners will be announced at the awards gala in March.

- Business Achievement**

 - Cottage Care Rentals & Property Management
 - Jeff & Andrea Strano, Sales Representatives, RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage
 - Minden Subaru
 - Parker Pad & Printing
 - Rhubarb Restaurant
 - The Pump Shop
 - WAI Products Ltd.
- Customer First – Business**

 - Blair Sand and Gravel
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 - Cottage Care Rentals & Property Management
 - Eco-Choice Pest Control
 - Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy
 - Haliburton Highland Pharmacy
 - Haliburton Lumber
 - Haliburton Vision Care Centre
 - Hyland Taxi
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 - Jeff & Andrea Strano, Sales Representatives, RE/MAX North Country Realty Inc. Brokerage
 - Maple Avenue Tap & Grill
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 - The Highlander Newspaper
 - TD Canada Trust Minden
 - V&S Department Store Haliburton
 - West Guilford Shopping Centre

- Wintergreen Maple Products & Pancake Barn
- Entrepreneur of the Year**

 - Brandi Hewson – WAI Products Ltd.
 - Linda Middleton – Crystal Image Studio
 - Mike McFadden – McFadden’s Meat Market
 - Mike Toye – Toye Tree Removal
 - Tammy Donaldson – South Algonquin Trails
- Highlander of the Year**

 - Don Bamford
 - Janis Parker
 - Kim Emmerson
 - Laurie Jones
 - Max Ward
 - Sean Pennylegion
- Innovation & Creativity**

 - Bridging Dimensions
 - Cottage Care Rentals & Property Management
 - Crystal Image Studio
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- New Business**

 - Castle Antiques
 - H2O Irrigation & Landscape Lighting
 - Hi Top Marine Services
 - Highland Dog Grooming
 - Highland Glass & Windows
 - MX Metal
- Not-for-Profit of the Year**

 - Algonquin Gateway Business Association
 - Central Food Network
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Submitted

Snowmobile study seeking volunteers

by JENN WATT
Editor

Academics behind a University of Guelph study on the physical demand of snowmobiling are conducting some of their research at Haliburton Forest and organizers are looking for volunteers to take part.

Dennis Burns of the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations is helping with recruitment and said participation takes about one hour.

“They go for a test ride, they come back and we put them on a bumpy trail,” Burns told the paper.

Throughout the ride, the volunteer riders are being monitored to see how many calories they are burning throughout the differing conditions.

The body’s reaction to the snowmobile ride will be compared to a baseline physical fitness exercise done on a pedal bike so that researchers can gauge what kind of physical effect riding the sled is having.

Burns said many snowmobilers will be familiar with the aching muscles that go with the

first time out on a machine each winter; he expects the research will quantify the experience that many have.

The research is being done on a closed course at Haliburton Forest and uses the Forest’s rental snowmobiles. The research is being done on Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Volunteers can pick their time and day to be involved.

“We believe this will confirm the exercise you get when you’re out there riding,” said Burns.

Research has been commissioned by the CCSO in the past to look into the economic impact of the industry, recently finding that snowmobiling in Canada is a \$8 billion industry that employs more than 41,000 people.

Burns said Haliburton Forest is the perfect location for the study because they can close the trail and there are rental snowmobiles there.

“It’s just, in my view, a perfect location,” he said.

There is no cost to participating in the study. Volunteering takes about an hour on one of the following days: Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Andy Chvedukas at drew.chvedukas@hotmail.com.

Looking for consistency in rec fees

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands township is reviewing the way fees are charged at its recreation centres in order to achieve greater consistency.

“Pursuant to council’s direction, a review of the programming costs was initiated and, in order to really understand the costs, a meeting was held with Chris Card, parks and recreation manager, Melissa Alfano, recreation programming co-ordinator, and myself,” treasurer Tammy McKelvey wrote in a report received by councillors during a Feb. 2 meeting. “While all activities at the facilities were not completed during our meeting, I believe that I have a better understanding of the operations in this regard. During this review initiative it became apparent that not all fees are consistent, nor is staff time being considered in the equation for setting fees. Some direction will be needed on this as we move forward; however, it is recommend-

ed that this be done over time, as a number of rental commitments have already been made for this year.”

The issues is essentially one of rentals versus programming. Some groups that have, for years, been giving a modest fee to the township for use of public buildings probably should be paying rental costs under the township’s fee bylaw.

Some of these programs predate amalgamation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, 16 years ago.

There are a number of programs, for instance, where an instructor charges a student a fee, and then pays the township a rate of \$1 per person.

“There are some people, I think, who are receiving a bit of a benefit in terms of use,” said Reeve Carol Moffatt. “There are going to be some awkward conversations . . . wherein some people are going to be upset or offended or hurt. And that’s not the intent.”

A review of all programming and payment structure will continue.

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Bowling for affordable housing

Minden's Katy Booth, 12, stares forward after bowling with her back to the pins, as part of a funky bowling game during the Building Castles for Kids Bowlathon event on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Fast Lanes Bowling in Minden. This annual event helped to raise \$3,310 for the non-profit Places for People, which helps to secure affordable rental housing in Haliburton County for those at risk of homelessness and supports them in their efforts to improve their lives. From the 37 participants, Gerry Moraal was the top fundraiser. Places' Nancy Therrien, who organized this event, announced there is a new home in Highlands East and the non-profit needs volunteers to serve on their board and to help with its future project. DARREN LUM Staff



Gerry Moraal holds up his hand after winning the Bingo bowling game with his team during the Building Castles for Kids Bowlathon event on Saturday, Feb. 4 at Fast Lanes Bowling in Minden.

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Friday February 3rd : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**
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Meet in the parking lot (off County Rd #1). No fee

Friday February 17th : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**
11:00am-12:00pm
Meet at Scout Hall parking lot (behind the arena). No fee

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Please note: All snowshoeing programs are dependent on the weather and snow conditions. Snowshoes and walking poles will be available. To register contact Elisha at 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th

SHINNY (ages 8-12) 10:00am-11:00am
SG Nesbitt Arena
All participants must wear proper gear. Cost \$2

SHINNY (KIDS VS ADULTS) 11:00am-12:00pm
SG Nesbitt Arena
All participants must wear proper gear. Cost \$2

ICE CAR RACING 12:00pm
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TRY CURLING! 2:00pm-4:00pm
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Curling Club
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The ever-important squat

THERE ARE TWO MOVEMENTS I always want to be able to do. One is getting up and down from the floor; and the other is getting up and down from a chair – or to be blunt, the toilet. North Americans are making adjustments that fly in the face of health. Did you know you can purchase toilets that are higher so that it is easy to sit on them? The trade off is that our digestive system suffers. We were designed to squat. Everything works better that way! In many places around the world, squatting over a hole is the only option, so people of all ages are doing it that way. What has happened to us? “We’ve stopped moving” is the answer.
“Movement isn’t important until you lose

it.” Gray Cook
 Maintaining the range of motion of our bodies is beyond important. Over and over again I see people taking the easy way or avoiding situations that will test their balance and stability in a natural way. Walking on uneven or slippery surfaces is one of the greatest examples. I know falling on ice is dangerous, but avoiding the challenge is not the answer. The answer is tackling the obstacle in a cautious and slow manner. Get to know your limitations, and get to know if you can push the boundaries a bit.



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

How do squats fit into this? Squats are functional movement that strengthens the big muscles of the legs. Those muscles can stop a stumble from turning into a fall. Building up to doing one-legged squats will greatly help with balance, but don’t start there, start with the simple squat.
 To do a squat (or 20 of them) stand with your feet hip width apart. For a counter balance hold your arms straight out in front of you. Next, lower yourself by bending your knees just as you would if you are about to sit in a chair. Be sure to keep your weight

back by pushing into your heels. You should not feel any sensation in your knees. If you do, reduce the distance you are lowering yourself. Return to an almost standing position and repeat. The key is not to lock your knees in place.
 Doing this exercise regularly will strengthen your quadriceps (the muscles in the front of your upper leg) and the glutes (your buttock). This investment will result in a greater range of motion, and that means improved mobility.
 Something to think about.
Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and Spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness. www.the-pointforfitness.com.



Rotary Club of Minden Celebrates

The Rotary Club is looking forward to a fun filled 2017. At the January open house the events and activities that the club enjoy were showcased. This year the dinner auction will be in June, the Canada Day barbecue hosted, Bluegrass Festival in July, road toll and a trip to a Blue Jays game in September. The weekly meetings offer enlightening speakers and the fellowship of the members. Interested in getting involved with Rotary? Join us Monday nights at the Minden Legion to see if our program is what you are looking for. Call Lynda Litwin 705-457-8511 or any of our members for more information. Submitted

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Horticultural Society celebrates 40 years


The Minden and District Horticultural Society's new president Karen Shirley, left, and the founding member and society's first president Elizabeth Carrell proudly display the recognition for its 40 years from MPP Laurie Scott at the annual potluck on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Minden United Church. The society holds monthly meetings that include guest speakers such as Margaret Burley of Burley Gardens in Peterborough, who brought a variety of plants from her collection. She provided her wealth of knowledge on plants, which included orchids, African violets, air plants and carnivorous plants. The next meeting is March 7 and features Leora Berman, speaking on The Land and Shores Between. In late summer, the society will host its 38th annual Garden Show called Garden Celebrations, from Aug. 11 to 12 at the Minden Community Centre. / DARREN LUM Staff



Guest speaker Margaret Burley of Burleys Gardens, located in Peterborough, speaks about an orchid from China to 50 people in attendance at the annual potluck for the Minden and District Horticultural Society on Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Minden United Church.



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Thursday Minden Men’s Curling 2016 First Schedule

League First place team skip Dave Millington, vice Cecil Ryall, second Bruce McClennan, lead Ed Hussul.



Second place, skip Dave Mckay, vice Rod Mabley, second Gord MacLean, lead Bill Obee.



Third place, skip Ted Wilkes, vice Ron Bobbie, second Bill Jamesion, lead Bill Roodenburg.



Play off winners

First, skip Mike Clewlow, vice Scotty Boyd, second Keith Kuntz, lead Bill Oyler.



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Third, skip Dave Mackay, vice Rod Mabley, second Gord Maclean, lead Bill Obee. Photos by Gord Sheehan

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MINOR HOCKEY

Peewee girls soundly defeat Lynx

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls hosted the Lindsay Lynx on Saturday in Haliburton for their first game of the play-down season. The girls had the jitters in the first period and could not find the back of the net. Not long after the puck dropped in the second period the birthday girl, Chloe “Fireball” Billings, buried the puck to give the Jets the lead, assisted by Megan Jenkins and Emma Tidey. Twenty-four seconds later the trio did it again with a goal by Tidey, assisted by Jenkins and Billings. With a two-goal lead in third Peyton Armstrong sniped one by the Lynx tender assisted by Elyse Ives. The Jets found their legs and kept coming hard at Lindsay to finish the game 6-0. Final goals going to Olivia Villamere, Ives and Armstrong. Assists went to Ives, Hudder (2), Villamere, Jenkins and Billings. The Jets will travel to Cobourg next Sunday to take on the West Northumberland Wild. But first they will head to the ACC Saturday to cheer on the CWHL all star teams and watch what hard work and dedication can do and how great women’s hockey is.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Bantam girls win first playoff games

Thursday evening saw the Jets play their first playoff game against the Peterborough Ice Kats on home ice. The girls skated hard and were rewarded for all of their team efforts with a 7-1 win over Peterborough. Scoring for the Jets were Beth Brownlee with a hat trick, Olivia Martin with two, Jaylin Frost and Hannah McMann both added singles.

Assists went to Kendra Bandy, Marissa Cannon, Paige Billings, Mackala O’Connor, Kennedy Croskery, Frost and McMann. Courtney Semach had a solid game in net for the Jets.

On Sunday afternoon, the team travelled to Peterborough to face the Ice Kats again, but this time for their first play-down game. Scoring for the Jets was Carling Pepin with two goals, one assisted by Mackala O’Connor and the other by Beth Brownlee. Marissa Cannon had a single, unassisted, and Paige Billings added two to the scoreboard,

both unassisted. The final result was Jets 5, Ice Kats 0. Semach held her own between the pipes and earned the shutout.

The team will play two playdown games this weekend. On Saturday, they will travel to Oakwood to face their rivals the Lindsay Lynx and on Sunday will host the Cold Creek Comets, at 4:30 p.m., at the NHCC. Come out and cheer the team on. Go, Jets, go!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Atoms challenge Stars in playoffs

On Feb. 4, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Wasaga Beach to face the Wasaga Beach Stars for their second round opener of the playoffs. Unfortunately, the Storm lost 8-2. Goals were scored by Aiden Perrott and Austin Boylan.

On Feb. 5, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Wasaga Beach Stars for Game 2. The Storm made their presence felt early on. Addison Carr opened the scoring for the Storm with a solo goal at 6:25 in the first. Seconds into the second period Aiden Perrott passed the puck up to Addison Carr who moved it to Austin Boylan who got nothing but net. This was just the beginning because minutes later Addison Carr placed the puck up to Aiden Perrott who dangled past the goalie to make it 3-0. Next was Beckham Reynolds storming down the wing on a one on one, he drives to the net and buries a beauty goal high on the blocker side. With only one second left in the period Kadin Card passed the puck to Aiden Perrott who took a shot, the goalie butterflied and the puck bounced off the pad to Cooper Coles’ stick who shot bottom corner and the score was 5-0 going into the third. The third period started with the Stars getting a goal. And the Storm held them off until five minutes left of the period when the Stars scored their second goal. The Storm were not going to give them the win, they fought until the very end and the final score was 5-2. A shout out goes to Taylor Consack who saved 32 shots to give Storm the win. Way to go, Taylor!

The upcoming games: on Feb. 11, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/ Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travel to Wasaga Beach to face the Wasaga Beach Stars for Game 3 of the second round action. Game starts at 2 p.m.

On Feb. 12, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms host the Wasaga Beach Stars at the A.J. LaRue arena at 2:30 p.m. for the fourth playoff game so come out and support our boys!

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewees defeat Jets 6-2

On Sunday, Feb. 5, the JoAnne Sharpley’s Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm peewees headed to Bancroft to play an exhibition game against the Jets. The Storm opened the scoring with a goal by Colin Glecoff assisted by Nick Phippen. The Storm held the one goal lead into the second period, when the Storm took total control of the game. With the Storm scoring four more goals and goaltender Darian Maddock shutting the door on every shot the Jets took. Goals scored by Zander Upton unassisted, Dylan Keefer assisted by Phippen and Hunter Winder, Kyan Hall assisted by Olivia Villamere and Kolby McGovern and another for Glecoff unassisted putting the Storm up 5-1 going into the third. The Jets weren’t going down without a fight managing to net two of their own but the Storm added another by Keefer unassisted to put the final score at 6-2. Amazing goaltending by Maddock. The Storm will face Ennismore in their first round of playoffs this weekend.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Novices start series right

On Sunday, Feb. 5, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Sturgeon Thunder in Game 1 of their playoff series. The Storm came out strong with excellent positional play and forechecking. Midway in the first period the

Storm capitalized on a scoring opportunity and tallied the first goal of the game. The Storm battled hard for the puck and were relentless in their defensive pressure, minimizing the opportunities of the Thunder. The Storm added two more goals and excellent goaltending and defence limited the damage of the Thunder to one. Congratulations, Storm, on an outstanding 3-1 win in Game 1 of the series. It was an excellent team performance with all players contributing on both sides of the puck. The novice team is back in action on Thursday, Feb. 9 when they travel to Fenelon Falls for Game 2. Good luck, team!

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Midget B girls refuel for remaining playoff games

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls started their provincial play-downs on the road against Cold Creek Comets on Saturday night. Both teams tried to keep their post-season focus as they waited for their referees to arrive, starting the game a half hour late. Bancroft had numerous chances in the scoreless first period, controlling the bulk of the play, but could not find a way to put the puck past the tender. Cold Creek jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second period with two opportunistic goals, capitalizing on the Jets’ only two breakdowns of the game. Jamie Little pulled the Jets closer early in the third period with a 2-1 top shelf, glove side snapshot from the slot that easily beat the Comet tender. Bancroft pushed Cold Creek the rest of the game, but even with their goalie pulled, could not find an equalizing goal in the third to get the tie. The Jets will need to win out their remaining five games (home against Cold Creek along with their home-and-home with Ennismore and West Northumberland) to reach their goal of making the Ontario provincial championships. Next home game is Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. vs. the Ennismore Eagles. Refuel, Jets, and refocus for the next five-game tilt!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Bowling Scores

Monday, Jan. 30

Men.

High average Claude Cote 212
High single Ken Thompson 246
High triple Claude Cote 662
High triple handicap Claude Cote 662

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 185
High single Chris Cote 231
High single handicap Vicki Ross 279
High triple Chris Cote 576
High triple handicap Vicki Ross 705

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Men

High Average Ken Thompson 208
High Single Nick Biljetina 254
High Single H/C Nick Biljetina 300
High Triple Claude Cote 622
High Triple H/C Nick Biljetina 697

Women

High Average Chris Cote 193
High Single Chris Cote 238
High Single H/C Gala Newell 283
High Triple Chris Cote 613
High Triple H/C Chris Cote 721

Friday, Feb. 3

Men

High average Claude Cote 201
High single Claude Cote 248
High single handicap Doug Cameron 282
High triple Claude Cote 718
High triple handicap Claude Cote 781

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 187
High single Chris Cote 205
High single handicap Netty Alexander 256
High triple Chris Cote 559
High triple handicap Netty Alexander 781



Out for a paddle

Debbie Walters enjoys a chilly paddle out on Gull Lake on Jan. 28. This photo was taken and submitted by neighbour Darla Sward.

Snow much fun to be had at Dorset Snowball

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The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club 2017 Dorset Poker Rally is taking place this Saturday, Feb. 11. Pledge forms are available at www.tallpines.org with proceeds to aid Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. Pre-registration is Friday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. and registration is Saturday, Feb. 11 from 9 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$45 per rider (fee waived for pledges of \$100 or more) and includes ride, dinner and poker hand. Dinner only tickets are \$20 per person. Prizes will be awarded for the top 10 poker hands with a first prize of \$2,000 cash! Lou Moore is back to entertain and there will be sponsored checkpoints. OFSC trail permits must be purchased online before the event. Participants must be age 19 or older to purchase a poker hand. For more information, please visit the website or find Dorset Poker Rally on Facebook. For information about accommodations, contact Steve at 705-766-2780.

All are encouraged to participate in the Snowball Parade

on Saturday, Feb. 18 – meeting at Dorset Garage to line up at 10:45 a.m. We challenge all individuals, groups and businesses to get into the community spirit and be a part of the fun. The theme is Canada's 150th so wear red and show your maple leaves. There is no need to register ahead of time – just meet at the garage at 10:45 a.m. The parade starts at 11 a.m. and will end just past the rec centre (keep moving and turn around in the museum driveway).

Here are some highlights from the list of activities for the upcoming Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival taking place on Feb. 17 and 18; family skating party (or dance at the Rec Centre – weather depending) on Friday, Feb. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. with hot dogs and hot chocolate provided by the Dorset Recreation Committee (donations to help cover costs are appreciated), LOB Holler Social Club All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Dorset Lions Club draw tickets available, library warming station, drumming circle, Dorset Heritage Museum open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, silent auction and souvenir sales, Dorset Community Partnership Fund information table, Snowball Café - tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sweets and bake sale, hot dogs and chili lunch, free face painting with painted kids, stone carving workshop with Stone Tree Studio, one man circus show, stilts

man, balloon twisting, juggling, Birds of Prey Show, wildlife callers, Junkyard Symphony Show, Snowball Parade, opening ceremony, Algonquin Highlands Fire Services Station 60 Dorset equipment display, polar plunge!, Tall Pines Snowmobile Club groomer on display, maple taffy, peameal on a bun, french fries and hot apple cider, wood fired pizza by Into the Blue Bakery, kids fun and games, The Shantyman's Tools, snowball branding activity, snow snake games, cardboard toboggan races (register and build your toboggan ahead of time), karaoke, hot air balloon rides, pony rides, gyroscope and bodyzorb balls, horse drawn wagon rides, photo booth, hockey shoot out, kids vs. adults shinny game (helmets mandatory for toboggan races, hockey shoot out and kids versus adults shinny) and hockey night in Dorset (ages high school and up, helmets and equipment mandatory for adult game). A \$3 Snowball button is required to enter the carnival area and to participate in all activities. \$3 for adults and kids. For more information, please visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or give the Dorset Rec Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Happy Birthday to Gail Hope and Gino Ballestrin. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca.

Lunch at the Legion



LEGION BR. 636

The members of the Royal Canadian Legion Mabel Brannigan Branch 636 extend a belated wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

On Jan. 1, our President Judy Flieger hosted our annual levee which was well attended by Legionaries and members of the public. As is the custom an Honours and Awards ceremony was conducted and it should be noted that Comrade Peter O'Reily was presented with his 60 year membership pin. Ninety-two-year-young Bob Wiltshire won the "early bird" draw and his dues for next year will be paid by the branch. A recap of donations in the amount of \$16,000 to local organizations was presented as follows: A Place Called Home, Drive for Cancer, Minden Hospital Aux., Hyland Crest, Royal Canadian Army Cadets, Minden Food Bank, and Fuel for Warmth amongst others. An additional \$21,750 from our Poppy Fund was donated to Veterans and Families, Seniors activities and care and Leave the Streets Behind.

Friday, Feb. 10 from 7 to 11 p.m. we are hosting a Karaoke Night.

Saturday, Feb. 11 the Highlands Trio will entertain from 4 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17, Karaoke Night from 7 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18, Gord Kidd and Friends will entertain from 4 to 7 p.m.

Don't forget our Monday to Friday lunch services from 12 to 2 p.m. with Beer Battered Fish and Chips on Fridays for lunch and dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Fridays.

Please remember everyone is welcome to enjoy our hospitality at all times.

Submitted by Mabel Brannigan Branch 636



Red Wolves bring home title

The Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics curling team traveled to Cobourg to participate in the Ontario Special Olympics curling Tankard Provincial Finals in the B division. They defeated a team from Brantford by a score of 8 - 2 to capture the B division provincial championship on Feb. 4 at the West Northumberland Curling Club. Pictured from left to right are team coach Dave McKay, skip Dawn Piercey, alternate Trevor Brauer, lead Brent Leffering, second Skylar Pratt, and vice Emily Boccitto. Missing is assistant coach Dave Piercey. We are very proud of their achievements. Photo submitted.

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Here at the old farmhouse we are remembering our dear friend Elizabeth Meszaros who passed away in the early morning of Feb. 5 at Ross Memorial Hospital. A long time resident on Crego Lake and more recently Kinmount, Elizabeth was a valued member and staunch supporter of the Kinmount Artisans Guild/Marketplace. Her creative talents were rich and varied from sewing to chair caning and eventually to rug hooking. She incorporated her sense of colour, texture and design into her hooked pieces which grew in subject

to storytelling and celebrating her adopted Canada portraying such scenes as maple syrup making. Elizabeth provided leadership to the "Bravery Bear" project making sure that the Minden Hospital Emergency Department had bears on hand to comfort little ones in need of care and in spite of later physical limitations continued to embroider the bears' smiling faces. Unique in her life experiences she was always concerned about the welfare of others and beneath that sometimes "crusty" exterior was truly beating a heart of gold. She made and kept friends by being a good friend in return and will be dearly missed.

The Friends of the Library group will be holding its regular monthly book sale on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on

see WINTERFEST page 21

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Winterfest fast approaching

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the lower level of the Kinmount branch. There are always special programs such as the after school adventures on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and special events coming up at this busy branch so do give librarian Mary Ann a call at 705-488-3199 for updates.

Kinmount's annual Winterfest is fast approaching with the Kinmount Community Centre's management board getting a headstart with its Family Snowflake Ball on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and the snack bar will be open by donation. On the following day Sunday, Feb. 26 there will be a pancake breakfast at the Kinmount Community Centre from 8:30 to 11 a.m. with great country raffle items to bid on. Over that day there will be activities for the whole family with sleigh rides, toboggan dash, displays of antique snowmobiles, a fur harvesting exhibit and skating ice conditions appropriate. In recognition of Canada's sesquicentennial there will be a Canada crazy headware contest. Check out Kinmount.ca for more details along with the February issue of the *Kinmount Gazette*.

At St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount there will be a dinner by donation on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30

p.m. with a full menu of ham and scalloped potatoes. On Tuesday, Feb. 28 the Church will hold a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. also by donation.

Thinking of a special gift for your special Valentine? Drop by the Kinmount Artisans marketplace on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre and view the selection of local arts and handcrafts plus books and collectibles. The Marketplace is open Fridays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting.

It is Tuesday morning with no sign of the nasty weather forecasted as yet. Bruce has fed the ponies early and Jake the cat is curled up by the fireplace sound asleep. One week already into February and there is a discernable increase in light albeit only about two minutes more each day. It does make a difference. So until next week keep busy and well. They go together.



WE TWEET THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.
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County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Jan. 30 contract bridge at Stanhope: High score holders were Kathie Porter 5,790, Jackie Metcalf 5,260, Eva Markowski 4,840 and Willie Cox 4,730 with our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Jan. 31 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Catherine Kellett led the scoring at 4,540 then Jan Heaven 3,620 and Gerald Bergin 3,460 while Jan teamed up with Dick Schell for a Small Slam.

Jan. 31 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Topping the charts were Merv Elstone and Irene Murphy at 262 then Connie Sawyer partnered with John Fortune 228. A close third prize went to Joan Bell and Max McKelvey at 227 while Jean Randell partnered with Anne Manning posted the afternoon's low score of 40. Thanks to Pearl Cowen for this news.

Jan. 31 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading for the ladies were Jesse Barlow 285, Jean Scadden 262, Georgina Parkes 244 and Pat Roussel 243. First for the gents at 310 was Marcel Roussel followed by Kevin Maloney 302, Bill McKnight 298 and Howard Smith 238. Joan McKnight won the major draw with Jean Scadden, Marcel Roussel and Theresa Deak claiming the smaller prizes while Jean and Ida Young took the moonshots. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this report.

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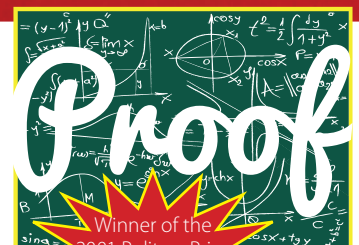
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By David Auburn

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By Julia Mackey

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by Jerome K Jerome

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Performances Aug 6 (2:30 matinee), 7-8.



Hilda's Yard

By Norm Foster

One ordinary family. One extraordinary day. Set in 1956, Sam and Hilda Fluck are finally on their own after their children Gary and Janey leave the nest. Then, on a September morning, their world changes when Gary loses his job, is the target of gangsters and Janey leaves her husband only to find love again. A heart-warming and hilarious look back at a not so innocent time. **Performances July 31, Aug 1-4, 9-11.**

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UPCOMING Community Events

Valentine's Dinner & Dance and Silent Auction

Coming Together in Love & Support For Parker Simpson
When: Sat. Feb. 11 at 6 pm
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton
Tickets \$25.00/person
Tickets available from Brianne Pockett, Marita Bagshaw, Brandi Hewson, Courtney Wilson, and Britney Rock. All event details can be found on Facebook.

Polar Bear Challenge

Sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club
When: Sat. February 18, 2017 Haliburton Frost Festival
Where: Head Lake Park, Polar Dip Venue
Registration: 10:00 - 12:00, Event Starts: 1:00 pm
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todds Independent Grocers and West guilford Shopping Centre or on the website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php
All proceeds to SickKids Music Therapy Program or Haliburton Hospital Health Services Foundation

Community Chili-fest

When: February 20, 2017 (Family Day)
Sponsored By the Bancroft Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Cardiff Community Centre
4:00 pm – Chili Contest – Judging by Local Dignitaries (categories include mild and hot)
4:30 pm – Chili Tasting – bread and drinks provided
Bring your family, your appetite, and your best chili to be judged and to share with others.
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic,

When: Wednesday, February 22, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Reptile Road Show

When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic

When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Ploord and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Ploord. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers

When: Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon
Where: Abbey gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr. Haliburton (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)
Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester
Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes soup (payment may be made online or in person on the day of the event)

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Jan. 31 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Holding the most lone hands was Harold Harvie with Linda Schrader high lady and Donna Darby low. First for the gents was Nick Biljetina with Jim MacPherson winning for both low man and the special prize. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this news.

Feb. 1 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Helen Baker and Muriel McIntosh at 60 percent then Linda Cherry and Lois

Emmerson 59 percent. In third place were Ross Davies and Rod Smyth 58 percent with a three way tie for fourth at 49 percent amongst the duos of Frank Schlotter and Reet Murray, Mary Johnson and Ross Fletcher and Irena and Alek Zworski.

Feb. 2 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hands honours went to Sue and Terry Landry with Linda Hopkins and Bev Alexander posting the high scores. The evening's lows were recorded by Carol Wilson and Warren Ross while Pearl Cowen, Lisa Ross, Brian Haslam and Bev Alexander took home the other prizes. Thanks to Tom Grix for this update.

Feb. 2 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson sends along the news that Barb Robitaille led the ladies at 232 then Pearl Cowen 229, Diane Wigley 221 and Betty Wagar 218. First for the gents at 244 was Howard Smith followed by Dwaine Lloyd 220, Gala Newell 215 and Doug McIntosh 193. Barb Robitaille held the hidden score, Anne Manning won the card draw and Betty Wagar call 1 while Pearl Cowen and Dwaine Lloyd [2] took the moonshots.

Feb 3 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell first at 58 percent were Irena and Alek Zworski followed by Helen Baker partnered with Ross Fletcher 56 percent.

Feb. 3 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that winning for both high hands and the special prize was Pat Bailey, for lone hands Jean Randell and for low hands Ellen Holden.

Feb. 5 Sunday Euchre at Minden Legion: Tied for first place at 91 points were Tom Grix and Pearl Cowen then a second tie at 89 between Frank Franzen and Reg Coulter with Susan Landry holding the hidden score. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this news.

Feb. 6 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: With a score of 206 Ida Young claimed top spot then Neil Darby 251 and Pearl Cowen 248. Rose Isaacson further reports that Marjorie Paradis won the draw [thanks Marjorie] while Diane Wigley, Frank Franzen and Sam Gaudet took the moonshots.

Feb. 6 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Bev Johnson won for high hands, Albert Foster for lone hands, Joan Riel for low hands and Peter O'Reilly for the special prize.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Applicant: TETFORD Lot 5, Concession 1, Kushog Lake Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 1, Kushog Lake, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 5, Concession 1, Kushog Lake, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 5, Concession 1, described as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-9954.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Road, on the 16th day of February, 2017 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: February 9th 2017

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NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

2017 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

TAKE NOTICE that Council will begin its 2017 budget deliberations on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Council will continue its 2017 budget deliberations immediately following the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Both meetings will take place at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall located 1095 North Shore Road.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2017.

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Highlights**County Town**

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New hope

There's new hope that the G.W. Martin sawmill in Harcourt can be revived now that new information has been shed on the issue.
Please see page 7.

Holding yard

South Lake residents were pleased with Snowdon Council's decision to take legal steps to close down a holding yard on their shores.
Please see page 3.

Theatre

Dinner theatre has returned in all its glory to the Highlands with two one-act plays opening last week.
Please see page 8.

Shorelines

More and more people are looking to improve the appearance of their shorelines, but the Ministry of Natural Resources wants to make sure they are not harming the environment.
Please see page 25.

Hospital gets beds if NDP successful



Local NDP candidate Dennis Drainville chatted with party leader Bob Rae at the nomination meeting.

Dennis Drainville wins NDP nomination by acclamation

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

If the New Democratic Party forms the next government in Ontario, it will build the 18-bed chronic care facility proposed for the Haliburton Hospital, says party leader Bob Rae.

Rae made this commitment while speaking at the nomination meeting of the Victoria-Haliburton NDP provincial riding association.

"We can't allow health care in this part of Ontario to deteriorate so people can't have the health care they've come to expect," said Rae. "The Liberals are up to their old games."

The expansion of the Haliburton Hospital was approved by the Ministry of Health in 1987 but has since been put on hold pending the outcome of a study into Haliburton County's long-term health care needs.

Speaking to reporters after the speech, Rae said if the NDP wins the next provincial election they will look at the work done by the committee conducting the study as well as going ahead with the chronic care facility.

"No study is going to dictate reality," said Rae. "There has to be an institutional base that provides care."

Before any other improvements to local health care can be implemented, Rae said there has to be more beds made available. "It's an illusion to think you can do all these other things without additional beds," he said. "It's completely illusory."

He said providing health care in rural Ontario has turned into a "major

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Ministry clamps down on resorts expansions

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Resorts along the north shore of Lake Kashagawigamog are being asked to take a financial gamble in order to hook onto the proposed new sewer line.

Dysart council has provincial approval to construct the resort sewage line and expand the sewage treatment plant, but resorts will not be allowed to expand until a water quality study of the lake is completed.

At the last meeting of Dysart council, Terry O'Neill, a representative of the Ministry of the Environment's district office, explained the conditions of the province's approval.

O'Neill said the construction of the resort

sewer line and expansion of the sewage plant can proceed immediately. Once these two projects are completed, the resorts can hook their existing facilities into the system.

However no expansion of any resorts on the line will be approved until a water quality study determines whether or not the lake can handle the additional effluent.

Councillor Murray Fearrey said this means the resorts will have to borrow money to hook on to the system with no guarantee they will be able to expand their operations.

O'Neill admitted the process being followed for the Dysart project is "backward" to the normal route followed by the ministry.

"Before you add a load to the lake chain

we have to know if it can accept it," said O'Neill.

Council also discovered they will have to play a more active part in the water monitoring procedure than they first thought.

One of the conditions of the Certificate of Approval for the plant expansion is that the municipality will monitor the water quality in the north basin of Lake Kashagawigamog.

Because the township lacks the expertise to carry out such testing, council proposed that the analysis of lake water should be done by the ministry.

However, O'Neill said the ministry is not

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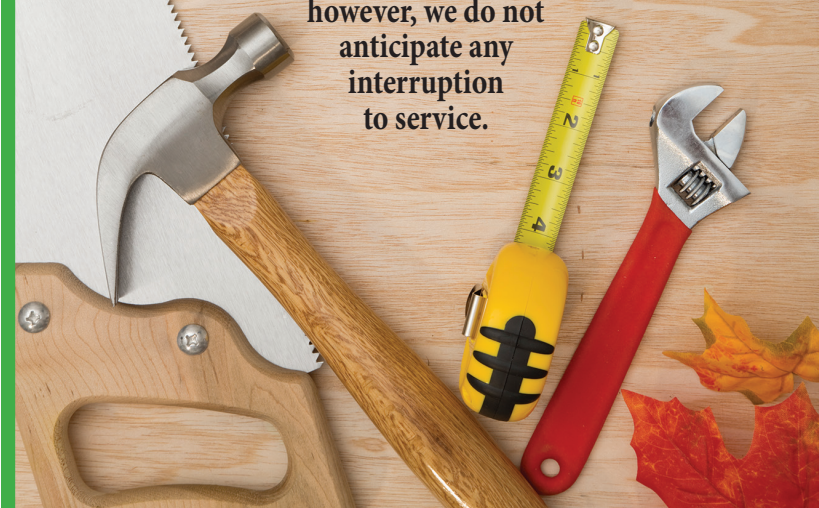
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At the residence on Sunday evening, February 5, 2017 in his 72nd year. Beloved son of the late Cecil & Berneice Coneybeare (nee Stewart). Dear brother of Dawn (Tom Colgan) of Toronto. Predeceased by his brother Blake and sister Renee. Fondly remembered by his nephew Billy, niece Amanda and by his grand niece Ashley and grand nephew Thomas. Brier worked as a truck driver for Hawk River Construction and Blair Sand and Gravel for many years. He also worked for the Trent - Severn Waterway for many years checking the water levels. Brier enjoyed his trailer, hunting in the Haliburton Highlands and visiting with friends.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Friday evening, February 10, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Memorial Service in the Chapel on Saturday morning, February 11, 2017 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Palliative Care Unit.

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Evelyn Swinson (nee Madill) (Resident of Haliburton)

Surrounded by her family at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday morning, February 2, 2017 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Swinson. Loving mother of Barbara (Harry Neville), Marion Boomhouer, Keith (Jeanette), Bruce (Sue), Sylvia Sisson and Steven (Jean). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Scott, Mark, Lori, Michael, Lisa, Rick, Karen, Corey, Jodie, Jami, Jonathan, Jeff, Barry, Greg and by her great grandchildren Brian, Shawn, Matthew, Alex, Travis, Zoe, Rebecca, Adrianna, Jake, Maisie, Porter, Miles, Charlotte, Connor, Robert, Jake, Jesse and Carson. Dear sister of Henry Madill. Predeceased by son Ralph, sisters Elsie, Emma and brothers Cecil, Frank, Lloyd and Allan. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and Darlene Osborne. Evelyn enjoyed her family & friends and will be missed.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

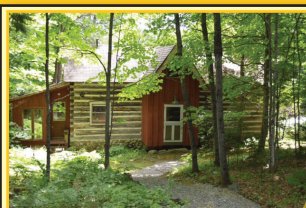
Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday morning, February 8, 2017 from 10 o'clock until time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

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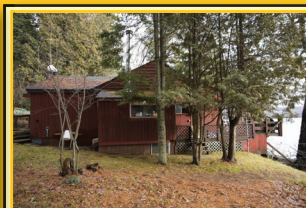
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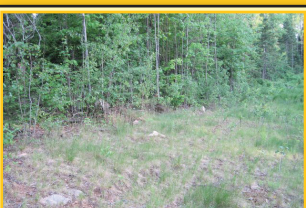
- Idea starter home with ROW Waterfront
- 3 Bedroom, open concept living space
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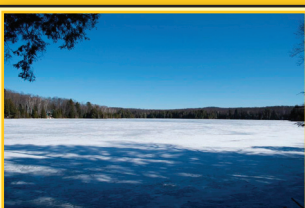
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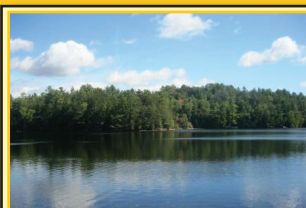
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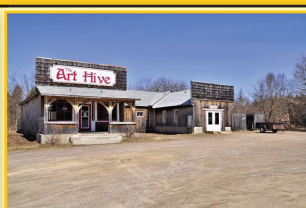
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